

Amendments to the Claims:

1 - 18. (canceled)

19. (previously presented) A method for leasing threads into guide elements of a treatment device for treating the threads, comprising the steps of
leasing the threads into at least one leasing comb,
fastening the threads onto said comb, and
subsequently pulling the threads with the leasing comb through the treatment device,
whereby the threads are transferred to the guide elements.

20. (currently amended) A method according to claim 19, wherein
the leasing comb is pulled in steps through the device,
~~whereby the movement of the leasing comb is temporarily interrupted in each~~
~~case after passing a~~ the guide elements ~~element is temporarily interrupted~~, and
~~wherein~~ the leasing comb is positioned with respect to the guide element before
the threads are transferred to the guide element.

21. (previously presented) A method according to claim 19, comprising the further step of removing the guide elements out of a path formed for the threads in the treatment device, prior to leasing and moving back the guide elements after passing the leasing comb into the path of the threads, whereby the threads are taken up by the guide elements.

22. (previously presented) A method according to claim 19, wherein said leasing comb has leasing interstices for receiving the threads, whose arrangement corresponds to an arrangement of interstices in the guide elements, and aligning projections which are in alignment with the leasing interstices, said method comprising the step of

aligning the leasing comb to the guide elements such that the aligning projections of the leasing comb may be brought into engagement with the interstices of the guide elements.

23. (previously presented) A method according to claim 22, comprising the further step of pushing the interstices of the guide elements over the aligning projections when the guide elements are moved back into the path for the threads.

24. (previously presented) A method according to claim 19, comprising the further steps of fastening the leasing comb on residual threads from a preceding treatment procedure and pulling the comb with these residual threads through the treatment device.

25. (currently amended) An auxiliary device for leasing threads, ~~such as warp threads,~~ into guide elements of a device for treating the threads, wherein the auxiliary device is formed as a leasing comb comprising an arrangement for the ordered fastening of the threads on the leasing comb and wherein the leasing comb has aligning elements for aligning the leasing comb onto the guide elements.

26. (previously presented) An auxiliary device according to claim 25, wherein the leasing comb is provided with a plurality of leasing interstices arranged next to one another, for receiving the threads.

27. (canceled)

28. (currently amended) An auxiliary device according to claim ~~27~~ 26, wherein said aligning elements are designed as aligning projections which are aligned onto said leasing interstices, ~~preferably extend from these~~ and which may be brought into engagement with interstices in the guide elements.

29. (currently amended) An auxiliary device according to claim ~~27~~ 26, wherein the leasing comb is designed as a stack of platelets,

wherein first platelets are arranged at a distance to one another thereby forming leasing interstices and

wherein second platelets are arranged as distancers between said first platelets.

30. (previously presented) An auxiliary device according to claim 29, wherein said second platelets form a rest surface for threads in the leasing interstices.

31. (previously presented) An auxiliary device according to claim 29, wherein the second platelets have projections serving as aligning elements.

32. (previously presented) An auxiliary device according to claim 25, wherein the leasing comb has holding elements for the temporary receiving and holding of the leasing comb in receiving devices allocated to the guide elements.

33. (currently amended) A combination of

a device for treating threads comprising at least one guide element, ~~such as a comb or a reed~~, through which the threads may be guided, and

at least one leasing comb, on which the threads are fastenable in an ordered manner and from which the threads may be transferred by said guide elements, wherein the leasing comb has aligning elements for aligning the leasing comb on said at least one guide means.

34. (previously presented) A combination according to claim 33, wherein for each of said guide elements there is provided at least one receiving device for the temporary holding of said leasing comb.

35. (currently amended) A combination according to claim 33, wherein said at least one guide element ~~elements are~~ element is moveable out of a path for the threads.

36. (previously presented) A combination according to claim 33, wherein
the device has at least two mounts for receiving warp beams, and
the threads of at least one mount are leasable into a leasing comb, while the
threads of another mount are guidable through the device.